



# Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

A Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

St. Joseph, Michigan



December 2008

## ***Letter from the President,***

*The S.W. Michigan Steelheaders are collecting non-perishable canned goods for the needy again this holiday season. Bring your goods to the Christmas Party on December 12th and help us build our tree! After our tree has been taken down, these canned goods will be used to build baskets and delivered to those in need this Christmas season. With the effort of everyone involved, we were hoping to make at least 15 baskets this season.*

*The Holiday Dinner for the homeless is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 21st and help us out at the VFW for the 2nd Annual Holiday Dinner. With help from the International Student Exchange, The Southwest Michigan Steelheaders will prepare and serve a Holiday Dinner to families in Berrien and Van Buren County who are currently living in homeless shelters this holiday season. WE NEED HELP!!! There is food to be prepared, a the hall to be cleaned and decorated, and much more! Steelhead members, invite your family members and friends too!!! For more information contact Charlie or Theresa.*

*Have a great month! See everyone at the Christmas Party December 12th! To help up better prepare for the meal, please sign up before December 6th!*

*Charlie Broadhurst*



## ***2009 Nominating Committee***

***Is Accepting Nominations For The Following:***

President - Vice President - Treasurer - Secretary  
Newsletter Editor - 2 Board of Director Chairs

If you are interested in running for one of these openings, or wish to nominate someone, contact Rick Stobbelaar 269-982-7017 or Kim Weber 269-208-3034

**ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**NO DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 12TH!**

**Please sign up before December 5th to avoid late fee's!**



# 2008 Big Fish Contest

December 6th is the last chance to beat any of these weights! **BUT** - you must fish in the river tournament to do it!!!

## Charter Division

### **KING SALMON**

Bill Doak  
Four Seasons  
20 lb. 8 oz.

### **STEELHEAD**

Jerry Link  
Originator  
13 lb. 8 oz. 06/23/2008

### **LAKE TROUT**

RoseBud (Chris Rose)  
Sharkster Charters  
21 lb. 8 oz. 08/14/2008

### **COHO SALMON**

Jim Conder  
Big Bird Charters  
6 lb. 11 oz. 08/15/2008

### **BROWN TROUT**

RoseBud (Chris Rose)  
Sharkster Charters  
15 lb. 14 oz. 08/06/  
2008

### **ATLANTIC SALMON**

No Record

### **PERCH**

Roger Huelsberg  
Romad Charters  
1 lb. 8 oz.

### **WALLEYE**

No Record

## Non-Charter Division

### **KING SALMON**

Rick Stobbelaar  
Trophy  
17 lb. 8 oz. 07/04/2008

### **STEELHEAD**

Chris Holt  
15 lb. 5 oz. 07/04/2008

### **LAKE TROUT**

Bryan Ammeson  
24 lb. 7 oz. 5/15/8

### **COHO SALMON**

Rick Stobbelaar  
Trophy  
7 lb. 7 oz.

### **BROWN TROUT**

Dennis Neidlinger  
Pro King  
17 lb. 14 oz. 07/15/  
2008

### **ATLANTIC SALMON**

No Record

### **PERCH**

Adam Riccioni  
1 lb. 15 oz.

### **WALLEYE**

Amy Lausman  
Coho's Aim Again  
10 lb. 8 oz. 05/26/2008

## Kids Division

### **KING SALMON**

Andrew Young  
Aboard Trivia  
14 lb. 9 oz.

### **STEELHEAD**

Alec Douville  
Aboard Brandon Marie  
7 lb. 14 oz. 09/06/2008

### **LAKE TROUT**

No Record

### **COHO SALMON**

Alec Douville  
Aboard Brandon Marie  
6 lb. 4 oz. 07/06/2008

### **BROWN TROUT**

No Record

### **ATLANTIC SALMON**

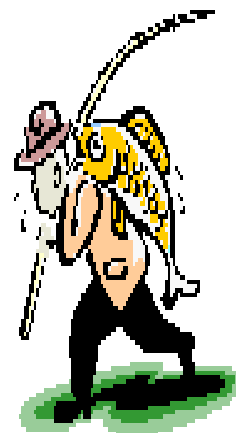
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### **PERCH**

No Record

### **WALLEYE**

No Record



## Big Fish Contest Rules

1. Contestants must be a member of S.W. Michigan Steelheaders or their immediate family.
2. If a Steelheader catches a fish aboard another Steelheaders boat, it will be recorded with their name "Aboard" the Steelheaders boat the fish was caught on.
3. Eligible species: Steelhead, Coho Salmon, King Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye, and Perch.
4. Fish must be caught out of the Port of St. Joseph, Michigan (Boat or Pier), or in the St. Joseph River.
5. Contestant dues must be current prior to entering contest.
6. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and entry form must be signed by witness at weigh in location.
7. Fish caught by A Licensed Charter Captain must be entered in the Charter Division regardless of boat he or she was aboard.
8. Children of Active Steelheaders, 16 years of age and under, may enter their fish in the Kids Division. Charter Division and Non-Charter Division does not apply to children.
9. Contest ends November 30th at midnight. Awards will be honored at the Annual Christmas Party. Kids Division will be honored at the January Membership Meeting. (The S.W. Steelheaders Winter Challenge results will be included in the yearly contest regardless of the date the tournament is held.)
10. All entries will be verified by Big Fish Chairperson.

Big Fish may be weighed in at B.J. Sports, Broadlow's Fishin' Hole, Klose Marina and Tackle Haven. If you weighed in a Big Fish that does not appear in this issue of the newsletter, your official weigh-in form was not forwarded to the Big Fish Chairperson for recording in time to make the monthly deadline. Contact the weigh-in location to make sure the responsible party delivered the weigh-in form. If your form does not get delivered to the Big Fish Chairperson, it will not be recorded or taken into consideration for the Big Fish Contest!

**S.W. MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS "WINTER CHALLENGE"  
RIVER TOURNAMENT**



**DATE: December 6, 2008 (Saturday)**

PLACE: St. Joseph River (RR Bridge in St. Joe to Berrien Springs Dam)

FEE: \$ 20.00 Per Person

START: 6:00 A.M. (Launch anytime but no fishing before 6:00 A.M.)

FINISH: 2:00 P.M. (Fish hooked after 2:00 P.M. cannot be counted)

WEIGH-IN: Weigh in at Vickie's Sandbar, 2701 Lakeshore Dr., St. Joseph, Mi.

Food provided. Beverage of choice may be purchased.

**All entrants must be in the weigh in area by 3:00 P.M. Sharp !**

RULES:

1. Open to general public.
2. All DNR rules apply.
3. River limits are from Railroad bridge in St. Joseph upstream to the Dam at Berrien Springs. You may fish from shore or boat but you must fish in the St. Joseph River.
4. Steelhead, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Walleye may be entered.
5. Individuals may enter up to (3) Steelhead
6. Individual prizes from prize table awarded to all qualifying Steelhead entries. Additional Steelhead awards for Michigan Steelheader members only (membership must be paid before entry deadline).
7. Big fish prizes for Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Walleye.
8. A chapter traveling trophy will be awarded to the Michigan Steelheaders chapter that weighs in the (3) heaviest Steelhead.
9. Entry deadline is December 5, 2008 (see store closing times below)

For more information contact Joe Montella at (269) 983-6852

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**ENTRY FORM FOR 2008 S.W. MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS RIVER TOURNAMENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Steelheader: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you are not a member of the Steelheaders would you like to join ? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Return entry forms to BJ Sports (6 PM), Broadlow's Fishin' Hole (5:30 PM),

Tackle Haven (6:00 PM), or Mail to:

Joe Montella

2719 Willa Dr.

St, Joseph, MI 49085



**Mailed entry forms must be received by December 5, 2008**



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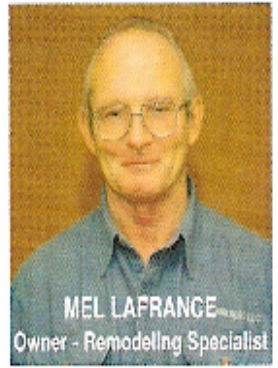
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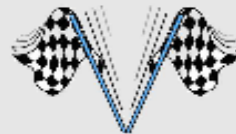
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## Christmas with The Southwest Michigan Steelheaders & The International Student Exchange

The S.W. Michigan Steelheaders will be working with the International Student Exchange Program again this year in an effort to provide Christmas for those in need this Holiday Season. With last years collection of non-perishable food items, monetary donations and sales of candy bars to the general public, the S.W. Michigan Steelheaders and the International Student Exchange Program were able to provide food baskets for 13 families in need. They were also able to provide a Holiday Dinner for approximately 40 homeless families AND MADE CHRISTMAS HAPPEN for approximately 76 children. Without everyone's participation, this would NOT have happen! Thank you again to everyone who participated last year and THANK YOU IN ADVANCE for everyone who plans to help this year! LET'S DO IT AGAIN...only this year, lets increase the numbers! Now is the time to watch for the sales on non-perishable canned goods, boxed potatoes, canned ham's, jell-o, etc. Collect early, get them on sale and lets build a Gigantic Christmas Tree this year! If you are unable to attend the Christmas Party on Friday, December 12th and want to make a monetary or food donation, you can drop your donations off at either Fishin' Hole location or contact Charlie or Theresa to make arrangements. (If you plan to purchase a large amount of canned goods, it would be appreciated if you could purchase the goods in their cases, it makes it easier to build the Christmas Tree).

**REMEMBER**, by making a donation your name goes into a drawing for a chance to win a nice gift as the Steelheaders way of saying Thank You for your donation and for helping the needy during the Holiday Season.

*If you plan to purchase Non-Perishable Food Items here is a list of specific items that will help with the food baskets.*

*(We will accept any donations, even if they are not on the list)*

*Canned Hams \* Boxed Stuffing Mix \* Green Beans  
Cream of Mushroom Soup \* Canned Onion Rings  
Boxed Mashed Potatoes \* Pork & Turkey Gravy \* Canned Yams  
Cranberry Sauce \* Cake Mixes and Frosting \* Mixed Canned Vegetables  
Canned Fruit \* Pudding & Jell-O*





# Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

## 2008 Christmas Party

Friday: December 12, 2008

Social Hour 6:00 PM \* Dinner Served at 7:00 PM



### Lake Michigan Hills Banquet Hall

2520 Kerlikowske Road \* Benton Harbor, MI

**\$10.00 per adult (no children please)**

**RSVP by December 5, 2008 or late fee of \$15 per person applies.**

The Christmas party is for Steelheader Members and one guest.

**Desserts:** We wish to bring back the tradition of asking the Lady Steelheaders to bring their favorite dessert to share!

**Raffle Tickets:** Will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We would like to ask each couple to bring an unwrapped gift for the raffle table (\$10 value would be appreciated).

**Food Donations:** We will be collecting non-perishables food items for the needy again this year. Bring your non-perishables along with you to the Christmas party and your name will be placed in a special drawing to be given away at the Christmas Party. Cash donations will gladly be accepted to help purchase needed items to build the Christmas Tree and to help complete food baskets for the needy. (Contact Charlie 269-208-6777 or Theresa 269-208-0404 prior to the Christmas Party if possible).

**Alcohol:** Cash Bar ONLY \* Please No Outside Beverages Allowed.

**Music Entertainment:** Bring your dancing shoes...Music Unlimited will be with us again this year!

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Mail your payment (along with this bottom portion of this entry form) to:

S.W. Michigan Steelheaders \* P.O. Box 575, St. Joseph, MI 49085

You may also Hand Deliver to the October or November Membership Meeting or drop your entry form and payment at either Fishin' Hole location.

**Steelheaders Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steelheaders Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 per adult - Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guest attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guest attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\$25.00 per adult - Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

# **Tackle Mania 2009**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2009 \* 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

*If you have attended Tackle Mania in the past, you know this is an event you really don't want to miss! You can come as a vendor, or a consumer.*

*That choice is yours. If you wish to be a vendor, contact Charlie Broadhurst 269-208-6777 as soon as possible to get your name on the list. Booth space is limited for this event!*

***ESCAPE FROM CABIN FEVER in January!***

**Buy or sell your NEW \* USED \* VINTAGE or  
HANDMADE & UNIQUE  
Fishing, Hunting and Sporting Goods Supplies!**

**If you want to be a vendor...START NOW by cleaning out your closets, basements and boats! Get your items priced and ready for someone who can really use them.**

**SELL WHAT YOU HAVE IN JANUARY**

**BUY NEW IN THE SPRING!**

**A GREAT DEAL WILL BE WAITING FOR EVERYONE!**

Booth space is limited for this event. If you are interested in a booth, contact Charlie Broadhurst at 269-208-6777. THIS EVENT IS A FUN EVENT! NO CONTRACT, NO RULES (within reason) and no set prices (unless MSRP prices apply to new items).

**LETS MAKE SOME DEALS!!!**

Purchases must be made with Cash or Check.  
Credit cards will probably NOT be accepted in most cases.

# Seasons Greetings

***WHAT STEELHEAD MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY***

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## ***Don't forget Tackle Mania 2009***

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***WE NEED HELP FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER***

***DECEMBER 21ST AT THE VFW HALL ON NAPIER AVENUE***

*If you have time to help, contact Charlie or Theresa. We need cooks, cleaners, decorators, servers and a clean-up crew! All the help we can get will be appreciated. You don't have to be a Steelheader to help! Call your friends and neighbors, ask them to join you for an afternoon of helping those in need. Christmas is the time for giving!*

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## ***BIG SALE***

***BROADLOW'S FISHIN' HOLE (ST. JOSEPH LOCATION)***

***DECEMBER 26TH - THE END OF THE YEAR (DECEMBER 31ST)***

***\*\*\*\*YEAR END BLOW-OUT\*\*\*\****

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***Don't Miss Out On This 6 DAY EVENT***

### ***HINT***

***Use the Fishin' Hole Gift Certificate your family bought for you this Christmas!***

# **\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Party Reminders\*\*\*\*\***

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*The tradition of Lady Steelheaders bringing their favorite dessert to the Christmas Party has slipped away. This year we are asking each Lady Steelheader to bring their favorite dessert to the Christmas Party. It is nice having a variety of desserts to choose from.*

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*We would also like to remind every couple to bring a \$10 unwrapped raffle gift to the Christmas Party. This gift can be for male or female – fishing or non-fishing. Our raffle drawing is one of the many ways our club brings in money help pay for activities such as our Christmas Party.*



*Help support your club by purchasing Raffle Tickets*

*6 tickets for \$5.00  
30 tickets for \$20.00*

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*Cash Bar will be available at the Christmas Party*

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*Bring non-perishable food items with you to the Christmas Party. Following is a list of items that will help build the food baskets, but they are NOT the only items we will accept!!!*

*We will accept ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS YOU HAVE!!!!!! We hope to prepare 15 baskets for the needy and elderly this Holiday season.*

*Canned Hams \* Boxed Stuffing Mix \* Green Beans \* Cream of Mushroom Soup  
\* Canned Onion Rings \* Boxed Mashed Potatoes \* Pork & Turkey Gravy  
Yams \* Biscuits \* Cranberry Sauce \* Cake Mixes and Frosting  
Mixed Canned Vegetables \* Canned Fruit \* Pudding & Jell-O*

***BY MAKING A DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE  
(via non-perishable goods or monetary donation)  
YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL DRAWING.  
THIS IS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF THOSE IN  
NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
FROM  
THE S.W. MICHGIAN STEELHEADERS  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM***



## Calendar of Events 2008 & 2009

all events subject to change

### **December 2008 Calendar of Events**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR DECEMBER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY \*  
KIDS BIG FISH AWARDS WILL BE HONORED AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3rd - State Directors Meeting

5th - **SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY BY THIS DATE TO AVOID \$15 LATE FEE!**

6th - Winter Challenge River Tournament - (entry form enclosed)

12th - Steelheaders Christmas Party \* Sign Up (entry form enclosed)

21st - **Dinner for the Homeless \* VFW, Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor**

**\*\*\*WE NEED HELP CONTACT CHARLIE TO BE A SANTA'S HELPERS\*\*\***

### **January 2009 Calendar of Events**

8th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

31st - Tackle Mania \* VFW, Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor

### **February 2009 Calendar of Events**

12th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

**TO ADD AN EVENT - CONTACT THERESA BROADHURST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
269-208-0404 or e-mail Theresa: [theresabroadhurst@gmail.com](mailto:theresabroadhurst@gmail.com)**



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